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SUBJECT:PRESENCE OF ISRAELIS IN ETHIOPIA

REF: ADDIS ABABA 967, 1001 AND 1082

1. USG HAS NOT BEEN CONSULTED, NOTIFIED OR IN ANY OTHER
WAY BEEN INVOLVED WITH ISRAEL IN ALLEGED RETURN OF ISRAELI
MILITARY ADVISORS TO ETHIOPIA (ADDIS ABABA REFTELS). WE
DO NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER REPORT CITED PARA 2 ADDIS ABABA
TELEGRAM 1002 FIRM CONFIRMATION THAT ISRAELI ADVISORS HAVE
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IN FACT ARRIVED IN ETHIOPIA.

2. WHILE PRESENCE ISRAELIS IN ETHIOPIA, IF CONFIRMED AND BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, WILL NO DOUBT CAUSE ETHIOPIA TROUBLE WITH ARABS, WE DO NOT SEE AT THIS STAGE HOW WE CAN HELP ETHIOPIANS MITIGATE EXPECTED ARAB IRRITATION.

3. FOR CAIRO: IF FAHMY OR OTHER GOE OFFICIAL RAISES THIS MATTER, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE OUR TOTAL LACK INVOLVEMENT OR ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE FROM EITHER ISRAELIS OR ETHIOPIANS ON ALLEDGED DISPATCH ISRAELI ADVISORS TO ETHIOPIA. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF EGYPTIAN REPORT.

4. FOR ADDIS ABABA: YOU SHOULD MAKE SIMILAR DISCLAIMER

TO EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, STATING THAT YOU HAVE CONTACTED DEPARTMENT ON THIS MATTER. KISSINGER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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